SENATE PUTS FINAL PATCH ON BYRD BILL; WILL PASS IT TO-DAY

Whiskey Measure, Much Amended, Ordered to Printer-House Adopts Appropriation Bill and Sends It on to Upper Branch---Denounce Publication in Paper.

Doth branches of the General Assembly made considerable progress with the work before them yesterday, disposing of their respective special orders and passing a large number of bills of more or less importance. The Senate tacked on further amendments to the Byrd-liquor bill and then sent the patchwork to the printer; the House finally passed the general appropriation measure, providing revenue for the support of the government for the next two years. In both branches there were fierly attacks upon the Staunton Leader, as the result of an article in that paper criticizing Speaker Byrd, Senator Halsey and Judge Martin Williams for their position in favor of Judge Rhea. Senator Halsey, in the upper branch, and Judge Williams, in the House, rising to questions of personal privilege, read the article and denounced it as a lie out of the whole cloth, so far as it referred to them. The House received the report of its committee recommending the removal of Judge J. W. G. Blackstone, or the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, for cause, and the afternoon session was devoted to discussion of a method of procedure. Mr. Powers, of Caroline, got through the House a bill providing against the sale of wines and spirituous and mait fliquors in local option districts, and both branches suspended the order against the introduction of new matter so as to allow the Rev. Stephen Henry Love, of Lunenburg, to present a measure to incorporate the town of Kenbridge, which was formerly known as Tinkling.

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To authorize the Board of Supervisors of Prince George county to appropriate mency to the Confederate monument.

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and the bill was finally ordered to the printer. The members will receive a copy, as amended, this morning, and a vote will be taken.

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House bill No. 37 was taken up and an amendment offered by Senator Risson, which provided against too broad an amplication of the provisions of the measure, which sets forth that no railroad may diver its track from any city or town, was adopted. Senator Hart denied emphatically that the bill was loaded, stating that if this, in his opinion, were the case, he would ask the Senate to vote the measure down. Senator Halsey arose to a question of personal privilege and denounced an article published in the Staunton Leader, which criticized his stand in the Rhea case. The Senator was offended to the point of retailation, and flushed with anger, he said:

"Mr. President, I have just read a reproduction of a statement from the Staunton Leader, stating that I am a ring man in politics, on the stand by me and I'll stand by you' plan, regard, less of the people's wishes, fitness for office or any other consideration. I deliberate and malicious lie!"

Senator Haisey was applauded by the galleries.

Atternoon Session.

At 2 o'clock the Senate adjourned until 4 P. M., and upon reconvening took up and passed a great many measures to their third reading. Various amendments were offered, but none seriously affected the bills, and they were all passed with little or ho debate.

An attempt was made by Senator Strode to have a night session for the



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Clonel Massie moved to amend his resolution by striking out that portion by striking out that presolution by striking out that Judge Blackstone be allowed to show cause why he should not be removed, and to insert the order of a simple provision for the twenty days' notice required by the Constitution.

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the Eleventh Judician Circait, and such evidence to the contrary as may then be offered and said committees shall make report to their respective houses."

Mr. Withers also offered the following resolution, in connection with his amendment:

"Resolved by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring. That the present session of the concurring. That the present session of the concurring. That the present session of the concurring that the present session of the concurring. That the present session of the concurring that it would otherwise end according to law.

"Resolved, further, That when the General Assembly adjourns on the 7th day of March, 1908, it adjourn to meet again on the 23d of March at 12 o'clock Mr.

Argument by Withers.

Explaining his position, Mr. Withers said he wished it understood that he was taking no ground as to the merits of the case, but was addressing himself only to the question of procedure. He contended that the tribunal to remove should also be the tribunal to remove should also be the tribunal to remove shought that to call upon Judge Blackstone to show cause within twenty days why he should not be removed ought to carry with it the designation of some tribunal before which he could appear and make his defense, if he desired to do so. He said the Legislature could later pass a hill providing that the mileage of the members be paid, and that they could return here about March 25th, remain a few days to act upon the matter finally, and then return home.

The member from Nansemond was asked a number of questions by va-

rious colleagues, and in answer to one he declared he did not think it would be necessary to take the testimony over again. Ho was of opinion, however, that if Judge Blackstone desired to do so, he could summon more witnesses and go into evidence before the joint committee.

Others Speak.

Colonel Massie spoke briefly, and invoked precedents in Virginia, as well as section 104 of the Constitution, to bear out his contentions that there need be no joint committee. He argued that the only perequisite to voting on removal, when a case had proceeded as far as this one has, is the twenty doys' notice, as provided by the Constitution.

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